

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~communication~~ control system, comprising:  
  
a control apparatus adapted to receive an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and to display the operation panel on a display unit; and  
  
an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus,  
  
wherein the control apparatus ~~[[is]]~~ includes a receiving unit adapted to receive a control signal from the operation apparatus, and a control unit adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether or not to transmit a command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus.
2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

4. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether or not to transmit a command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

5. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to change the operation panel according to data transmitted from the controlled apparatus.

6.-10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) A control apparatus that receives an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and displays the operation panel on a display unit, the control apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit adapted to receive a control signal from an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus; and

a control unit adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether or not to transmit a command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to determine according to the control signal whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to determine, according to the control signal, whether or not to transmit a command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the control apparatus is adapted to change the operation panel according to data transmitted from the controlled apparatus.

16.-18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A method performed in a control apparatus that receives an operation panel for operating a controlled apparatus from the controlled apparatus, and displays the operation panel on a display unit, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a control signal from an operation apparatus having a first operation unit for operating the operation panel, and a second operation unit for operating a specific function of the controlled apparatus; and

determining, according to the control signal, whether or not to transmit a command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, which one of plural display elements in the operation panel is operated.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, whether or not to move a cursor on the operation panel.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of determining, according to the control signal, whether or not to transmit a command for operating the specific function from the control apparatus to the controlled apparatus even if the operation panel is not displayed on the display unit.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of changing the operation panel according to data transmitted from the controlled apparatus.